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Harrisburg City Council Minutes October 22, 2024

Mayor: Robert Duncan, Presiding
Council President: Mike Caughey, Present
Councilors Present: Kimberly Downey, Randy Klemm, Charlotte Thomas, Cindy Knox and Youth Advisor Taylor Tatum
Councilors Absent: Robert Boese (Un-Excused)
Staff Present: City Administrator Michele Eldridge, Public Works Director Chuck Scholz, and City Recorder/Municipal Court Clerk Lori Ross
Meeting Location: Harrisburg Municipal Center Located at 354 Smith St

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Robert Duncan

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL by Mayor, Robert Duncan at the hour of 6:35pm

CONCERNED CITIZEN(S) IN THE AUDIENCE: All in attendance were there for items on the agenda.

THE MATTER OF MEETING WITH A MEMBER REPRESENTATIVE FROM LCSO IF ONE IS AVAILABLE: Sergeant Frambes reviewed the LCSO Report for September 2024. Some of the highlights included:

- DHS investigations have increased at Harrisburg Elementary, Middle and High School due to the start of the school year.
- Burglary of a vacant home. Home owner did not press charges.
- Knox commented about some young boys continually playing games with the railroad crossings and asked what's the appropriate way to report it. Sergeant Frambes replied to contact LCSO immediately, if it's not an emergency call dispatch. He believes that educating the boys and speaking with the parents is important.

- Mayor Duncan would like for Coburg to be notified as well.

THE MATTER OF MEETING WITH A MEMBER REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE COBURG POLICE DEPARTMENT IF ONE IS AVAILABLE: Chief Larson reviewed the 2024 3rd Quarter Report as shown in Exhibit A. No comments or concerns.

- Mayor Duncan recommended speaking of track safety at the Skatepark After Dark Event.

THE MATTER OF REVIEWING THE 2024 3RD QUARTER CRIME RESULTS FOR THE CITY OF HARRISBURG: Eldridge reviewed the 2024 3rd Quarter Crime Report. Some of the highlights included:

- Person crimes have gone down, but property crimes have increased which include charges for vehicle theft, identity theft, and fraud.
- Citations have increased from 32 to 38.
- YTD crimes are still lower as shown on page 51.
- Harrisburg is still lower than Mill City and Millersburg on YTD crime which speaks wonders for our law enforcement.

THE MATTER OF DISCUSSION WITH SMALL MUNICIPALITY ADVOCACY COALITION (SMAC) LOBBYIST SEAN TATE, OF TATE PUBLIC AFFAIRS: Sean Tate reviewed his presentation as shown in **Addendum 1**. Some of those highlights included:

- Tate felt they did a good job introducing SMAC. He commented that City Administrators are under resourced and it's challenging to get responses in a timely manner.
- His biggest disappointment is not achieving 10 SMAC members by June 2024, and he feels the upcoming Election has something to do with the hesitation. He has been invited to present to Creswell, Cottage Grove and has heard from Lakeview and Gold Hill. He continues to pursue Ecko; Elgin and Scappoose and would like to continue to work on the Southeast and Northeast portions of the state.
- Thomas asked how many members SMAC currently has. Tate replied seven.
- Downey likes the idea of increasing the number of members to allow for a bigger voice.
- SMAC is currently working on three bills including a grant matching adjustment percentage bill, establishing a revolving loan fund for assisting with engineering cost and recreational immunity. Tate is also addressing some of the challenges with the difficult Wastewater Certification process.
- Tatum asked if SMAC has considered testifying for or against bills in the future and Tate responded that he has and it's a big part of how they will grow and get the visibility they need.
- Eldridge added that she would like to look at revisions to BOLI prevailing wage requirements for smaller cities. Tate replied that he would love to look into that goal.
- Klemm asked Tate about the road blocks he's running into. Tate responded that his biggest challenge has been running up against this election cycle and nobody wanting to make time to introduce something politically challenging.

THE MATTER OF REVIEWING A PERMIT FOR THE 2024 LIGHT PARADE: Eldridge reviewed this year's application. Some of the highlights included:

- This year's theme is "The Grinch that Stole Christmas" and will be held on December 7th.
- The parade will start and finish at the Elementary School this year instead of starting at the High School.

- Conditions of Approval are the same as last year.
- Eldridge reminded Council that once again, Santa will be at the Museum where free cookies, cider and hot chocolate will be available.
 - **Caughey motioned to approve the 2024 Light Parade Permit, subject to the Conditions of Approval and was seconded by Thomas. The motion passed unanimously by a vote of 5-0. Youth Advisor Tatum also voted in favor.** (Yes: Caughey, Thomas, Klemm, Downey, and Knox. No: None.)

Others:

- Eldridge noted that changes are coming from the Supreme Court in relation to homelessness. Attorney Sean Kidd didn't see any changes needed to our code, except for the reference of the ORS. Eldridge doesn't feel we need to make that change at this time.
- Eldridge noted the Scarecrow Contest has been extended to the 28th and noted we are getting more participation.
- Eldridge met today with the Willamette River Keepers, where Eagle Park was discussed. Eldridge feels we are getting the word out about the park and people are starting to pay attention to our efforts.
- The Preliminary Plat for Sommerville Meadows was approved last Tuesday. She noted that three lots are located on already developed streets therefore, construction can begin as long as they record the Final Plat with the County; the Development Agreement for Shadowood has been completed by both parties and signed and the Civil Engineering has been completed and approved.
- Smoke testing will take place November 12 through the 15th.
- Eldridge informed Council that Troy Jones, with Friends of Gap Road, dropped off a letter of support (**Addendum 2**) and asked Council to sign as individual people. Eldridge modified the letter some and stated it's available tonight if anyone would like to sign it. Downey noted for the record that she won't be participating due to two conflicts of interest she has.
- Eldridge referred to **Addendum 3**, a flyer from the Linn County Conservative Alliance and asked Klemm, and write in candidate, Dana Henry, if they were contacted to be placed on the flyer. Klemm responded no and Henry stated they did reach out to her; however, they did not quote her, but instead wrote their own piece. Mayor Duncan referred to the back of the flyer, under "Harrisburg Talking" and noted it was not a quote from himself or the City Council. Caughey thought it was paraphrasing from several different audience participants from previous meetings. Eldridge to place something on Facebook stating these comments are not from City Council or the City of Harrisburg.

With no further business, the City Council Work Session adjourned at the hour of 7:43pm.

Mayor

City Recorder



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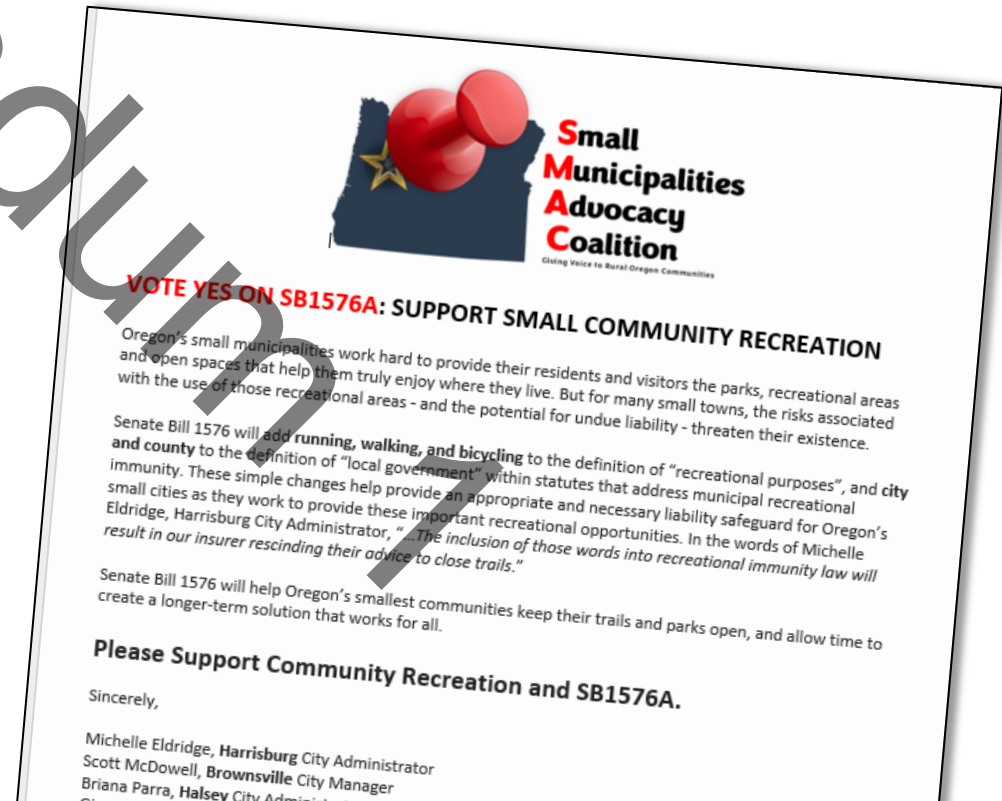
Giving Voice to Rural Oregon Communities

10/24 SMAC Update

LOOKING BACK

2024 SMAC/SHORT SESSION GOALS

- Introduce SMAC concept to Rural policymakers
- Identify group communication best practices
- Engage in relevant policy discussions/testimony
- 10 SMAC members by 6/24
- 15 by 1/25 with geographic range





LOOKING AHEAD

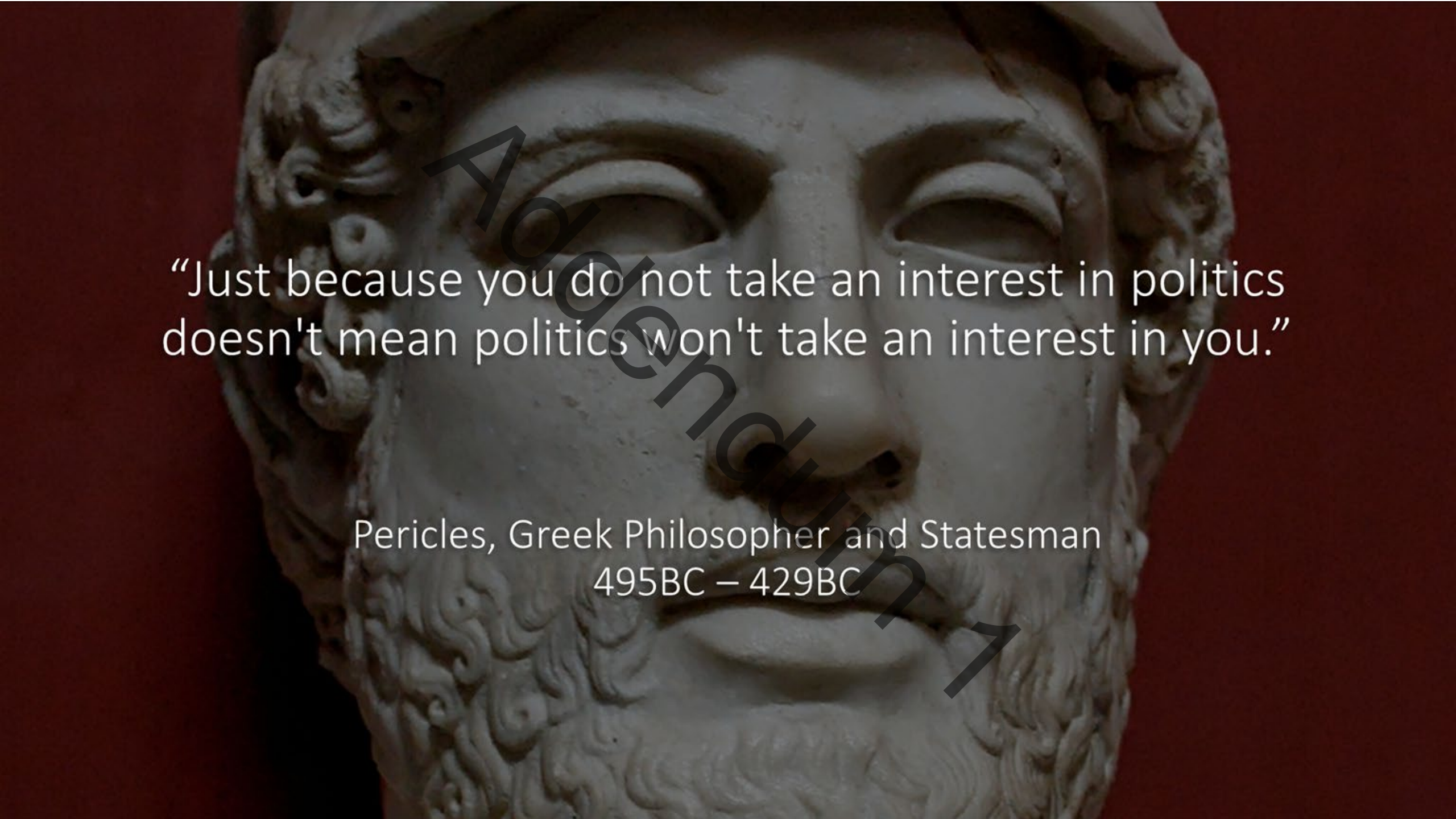
2025 SESSION / 2025 SMAC GOALS

Policy Development:

- Grant matching % adjustment
- Revolving loan fund for engineering costs
- Lagoon Wastewater Certification - DEQ
- Recreational Immunity input

SMAC:

- Aggressive membership development efforts
- Development of Small-Town Caucus
- Formalization of SMAC
 - Protocols for engagement and communication
 - Bylaws, membership requirements

A close-up, grayscale image of a marble bust of the Greek philosopher and statesman Pericles. The bust is shown from the chest up, featuring a full, curly beard and hair. The background is a dark, solid color. Overlaid on the image is a quote in white text.

“Just because you do not take an interest in politics doesn't mean politics won't take an interest in you.”

Pericles, Greek Philosopher and Statesman
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Meet Sean Tate

I founded Tate Public Affairs in January 2020 after serving as a VP of Public Policy and Business Development since 2013. An (almost) lifelong Oregonian, I represent my clients' business and policy interests wherever needed, building partnerships and working towards positive outcomes.

I am active in healthcare, education, and business development policy circles, and enjoy good, no-nonsense relationships with legislators, legislative leadership, staff, and colleagues from all policy perspectives.

Prior to working in public affairs, I spent more than 20 years in business development, marketing, and sales management in the print media industry in Oregon and Montana. I am an experienced marketer and consensus-builder, and I like to take an inside-out approach to understanding client issues.

I serve on the board of the Lebanon Chamber of Commerce and the Albany-Millersburg Economic Development Corporation. As a registered lobbyist, my primary areas of policy focus are business, workforce development and higher education.

I live in Lebanon and engage in many of Oregon's recreational opportunities including road and mountain biking, fly fishing, hiking and camping.

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The Linn County Conservative Alliance Supports These Candidates

Non-partisan, dedicated to supporting Conservative & Traditional values candidates who will govern in accordance with those values

Oregon Statewide Candidates

Dennis Linthicum Secretary of State



A rare principled conservative in the Senate. As Secretary of State he will ensure election integrity, accountability and oversight of state agencies and prevent federal/state overreach.

Brian Boquist for State Treasurer



20 years in the Oregon Legislature with 16 years as vice chair of the finance and revenue committee. Former Special Operations Officer and small business owner.

Will Lathrop for Attorney General



Tough rule-of-law attorney willing to go after organized & immigrant crime. Endorsed by 70+ law enforcement professionals including Sheriffs, District Attorneys and prosecutors.

Linn County Candidates

Roger Nyquist County Commissioner



A constant conservative voice in Linn County for over 24 years. Roger is often the only voice of opposition against fiscal irresponsibility and irrational state mandates.

Sherrie Sprenger County Commissioner



With over 20 years on school boards the State House and as Commissioner, Sherrie knows how to navigate the political waters. She is a conservative vote when it matters most.

Soil & Water Conservation District

ReElect AT LARGE 2

DAVID NEAL

Harrisburg City Council

ReElect BOBBY DUNCAN MAYOR



Mayor of Harrisburg. Finish Carpenter by trade. After many years being Mayor of Harrisburg, Bobby is still humbled and honored to serve the citizens. He has builds bridges between the city, citizens & organizations to accomplish goals for all citizens.

ELECT AS A WRITE-IN!

DANA HENRY City Council



Northwest University
South Alabama College of Nursing

I love Harrisburg and want to give back to this great close-knit community. I have served on hospital boards, chair on some. As an analytical detail oriented person I consider how any decision may affect the best interest of all citizens.

Harrisburg is an idyllic conservative small town and we need to preserve the great quality of life we have here. Please write me in.

On Line below candidate names please write in my name:

X DANA HENRY Thank You!

ReElect RANDY KLEMM City Council



Oregon State University -- Pharmacy
Business Owner -- long term care pharmacy

Randy is a long time supporter of Harrisburg, currently serves on the budget committee and Commission on Children & Family. Reelect a great community asset.

Debbie Tjepse

STATE BALLOT MEASURES

MEASURE 118 Communist-style wealth redistribution
VOTE NO

Taxes corp/workers -- drives up product costs, costs passed on to you.
Gives that money to those who didn't earn it -- homeless, addicts, illegals
Another attractant drawing low-function gov't free-riders to Oregon

MEASURE 117 RANKED CHOICE VOTING
VOTE NO

Another far-left scheme to suppress/confuse & control Oregon voting
Oregon is a one-party rule state with no opposition, why is it needed?

MEASURE 115 IMPEACHMENT POWER
VOTE NO (this time)

Sounds reasonable and rational -- but in a state with one-party rule it
will be used to further suppress & tyrannize the weak opposition party

MEASURE 116 Task Force Sets Legislative Salaries
VOTE NO

These task forces often become corrupt in one-party states leading to an
overpaid entrenched professional political class as we see in CA, IL, NY



The Non-Partisan Linn-County Conservative Alliance
Supports Conservative and Traditional Values candidates across Linn
County in hope they govern in accordance with conservative principles and
uphold traditional values. We also fight against big government and taxes.

Please support our fight for Liberty by Scanning the QR code and making a donation

Harrisburg Talking...

"Once government is able to regulate the energy they will also be able to regulate the society."

Harrisburg is not against solar power. The issue is climate extremists using fear-appeals to extract 100's of billions of our tax dollars. Our tax dollars then subsidize foreign companies to build huge solar plants on legally designated farmland and other sensitive areas. There are far better and more logical options elsewhere.

The issue is also greedy money-grubbing landowners complicit with Oregon's far left energy and siting agencies subverting farmland protection laws, ruining wildlife habitat, endangering birds and waterfowl, creating wildfire danger and diminishing the quality of life of citizens -- just for financial gain of a few individuals.

Many no longer trust government and suspect manipulation and hidden agendas are at play which need to be investigated.

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